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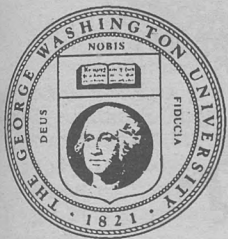
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Hospital merger to cost GW millions in revenue

BY JARED SHER
EDITOR IN CHIEF

The merger of the GW Hospital with a for-profit corporation has eliminated the facility's need to contract a number of human resource services to the University - services for which it annually pays \$5 million.

As a result, the University must trim that amount from its annual operating budget, according to officials in GW's treasurer's office.

Each year, the hospital has paid the University for services including accounting and payroll, but with its pending merger with OrNda HealthCorp., the private corporation will now provide these services for the hospital.

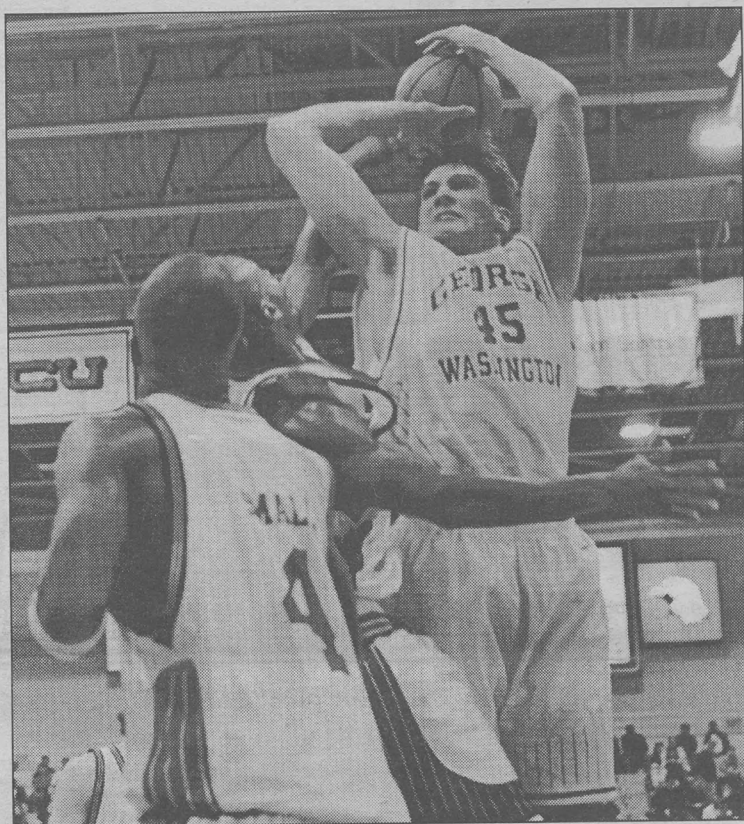
"The hospital was buying services from the University," Vice President and Treasurer Louis Katz said. "They will no longer be buying those services from the University."

The officials said the majority of the cuts will come in the areas of the University that are directly responsible for the services. However, even eliminating vacant positions and potentially laying off some workers in those areas will not amount to the necessary cuts.

Therefore, all University vice presidents have been asked to look at their division's budget to identify areas that can be cut.

"There will have to be budget cutting in other departments," said Don Boselovic, assistant vice president for budget. "We need to downsize. If we do nothing, we'll have a shortfall. We are identifying where we can make reductions."

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Claire Duggan/Photo Editor

Alexander Koul and the GW men's basketball team headed up to Tenleytown Monday night and shot down the American Eagles, 71-51. (See story, p. 18)

It's all Greek as groups change structure Fraternities and sororities want a jury of their peers

BY JIM GERAGHTY
HATCHET STAFF WRITER

GW's Greek-letter organizations are contemplating a new system to increase responsibility and enhance the Student Code of Conduct, but concerns about student self-policing are causing national organizations to withhold support.

"If it were up to me, the policy would have been approved and implemented a long time ago," said Mike Walker, the administrator for Student Judicial Services. "This gives Greeks the opportunity to monitor their own behavior and train their membership to hear their own cases."

Those changes have "been put on hold," according to Heather Malkin, president of the Panhellenic Association. "Most sororities' national organizations are not in favor of it for various reasons, such as liability. Fraternities have less of a problem with it, but it's a joint document."

Malkin said the new policy

would cover rush rules, noise violations, parties and mixers.

"The premise is that Greeks understand Greeks a little better," she said. "It makes us feel like we have a little more power and can be a little more understanding."

"During the three years I've been here, the Greek self-governing policy has been shaped into what the Greek students think will work," Walker said. "Individual chapters have, at various times, raised issues which have prevented its implementation. In the interim, the Code of Student Conduct applies to all student organizations, including fraternities and sororities. As it stands, Greek-chapter cases are handled just like any other disciplinary matter, since the policy hasn't formally been approved."

Walker emphasized that this new policy would apply to only would apply to only group offenses as a measure to police student organizations.

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JEC proposes an election overhaul Majority vote needed to avoid run-off

BY PATRICK PRESTON
HATCHET STAFF WRITER

New Joint Elections Committee rules include a run-off election that would be held between the two candidates with the most votes in the Student Association presidential and executive vice presidential races if no candidate receives at least 50 percent of the vote.

The preliminary rules for the 1997 campus-wide elections and the declaration of candidacy forms were released Monday.

Last year both the SA president and the executive vice president were required to garner only 40 percent of the vote to win their election and avoid a run-off.

"I don't think that in the elections, where there are so many candidates running, that 50 percent is achievable," said SA Executive Vice President Dianne Gayoski.

Gayoski received 47 percent of

the vote last year.

"Run-off elections don't truly represent what the student body wants," she said.

Another change would alter the structure of campaign spending. The new plan calls for two categories of financing: personal funds and in-kind donations.

Although personal fund limits will decrease for SA presidential and vice presidential candidates, overall spending limits would increase with the changes.

The in-kind donations would allow between \$200 and \$400 to be received by a candidate from endorsements or other sponsorships, depending on the office a candidate is running for. The total limit for president and EVP, for example, increases to \$800, but candidates can only spend \$400 of their own money and an equal amount they receive in donations.

"Something needed to be done (See CHALLENGERS, p. 12)

New fraternities added to offer more choices

BY FRANCESCA DI MEGLIO
HATCHET REPORTER

Two new fraternities, Sigma Alpha Mu and Phi Gamma Delta, will be added to the Greek-letter organization roster in the fall.

New fraternities add diversity to the Greek system, which in turn affords different types of students the opportunity to get involved in Greek life on campus, said Greek Affairs Coordinator Marcie Tucker.

GW enlarged its Greek-letter community two years ago, when the Interfraternity Council allowed Kappa Sigma and Beta Theta Pi to be established, and again this year, when an Alpha Delta Pi sorority chapter was founded.

According to Tucker, the success of the two expansion fraternities encouraged the IFC and Greek Affairs to expand again.

"Success can be determined by interest," Tucker said.

The Greek-letter community has 905 members, a 21.3 percent increase from last year, according to Greek Affairs.

New fraternities must prove they have a strong, supportive alumni base, starter cash and funding, help for beginning the GW chapter and acceptable philosophies. Members of the national committees of Sigma Alpha Mu and Phi Gamma Delta presented their programs to the IFC, which recommended their approval.

"New fraternities should try to offer something new," Tucker said.

Sigma Alpha Mu has traditionally strong ties to Jewish students, and Phi Gamma Delta is thinking about being a substance-free chapter, Tucker added.

"(Offering something new) is important because either no one was offering what (students) wanted or the available chapters on campus

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SA supports getting rid of in-hall lottery

Senate cites greater shift in housing

BY MATT BERGER
HATCHET STAFF WRITER

The Student Association Senate voted unanimously Tuesday to support the Residence Hall Association in its recommendation to eliminate the in-hall lottery.

"We wanted to show broad support," undergraduate Sen. Shana Greatman (at large) said of the vote. Greatman, who sponsored the bill, also serves on the RHA executive board.

The in-hall lottery was used in the past to allow students in a residence hall to have the first chance at rooms in that hall. This year, the Office of Residential Life asked RHA to examine whether the in-hall lottery should be eliminated.

"I'm very happy that the two major student organizations have agreed on something," said ORL Director Sheila Curtin. "I feel confident making a policy change knowing that the students support it."

"I think that it presents itself as the year to (remove the in-hall lottery) because of the extra circumstances," RHA President Ron Jacobs said.

He cited the change of the Dakota apartment building from a residence hall to real estate property as a key reason to eliminate the lottery. Students in the Dakota would be at a disadvantage because they would be ineligible to participate in an in-hall lottery.

Other housing shifts include a new residence hall with 444 beds that will be ready for student use next year and rooms in the Aston — used this year to house freshmen, which next year may be used by upperclassmen. Neither buildings' rooms would be available through an in-hall lottery.

Greatman said all 14 residence hall councils were consulted in the decision.

In other Senate business, a bill requesting that the University administration consider students' needs when making business decisions failed to pass.

The bill, sponsored by graduate Sen. Jahna Hartwig (GW Law School) and Columbian School of Arts and Sciences undergraduate Sen. Adam Siple, was in response to a lack of student involvement in recent decisions involving the 2000 Penn shopping center. It drew sharp criticism from other senators.

"I don't think that the shops at 2000 Penn deal directly with the needs of the students. It deals with the wants of the students," said School of Education and Human Development graduate Sen. Barbara Rado-Mosseu.

Hartwig responded, "It's important that we send a message to the University that students want to be informed and put into the mix when business decisions are being made."

The bill was defeated 10-9, with one abstention.

"I'm disappointed, but I will probably be working on a modified version which we'll introduce in the spring," Hartwig said. "The purpose of this resolution was to send a message."

Three other bills that Hartwig co-sponsored were passed Tuesday.

The first bill would allow non-voting graduate senators to take vacant graduate Senate seats. "It just makes sense," School of Business and Public Management graduate Sen. Rich Wilkie said.

He spoke of his experience last year, when he was a non-voting senator. "It took three to four weeks to go through the proper channels. Finally, at the last meeting of the year, I got to vote."

The other bills would affect procedures for replacing a chairman and for financial allocations for off-campus events.

Mike Meagher, an SBPM graduate student, was approved to fill an open Senate seat. Meagher was an undergraduate at GW, as well as the Cherry Tree yearbook's editor in chief. He also served on the Joint Committee of Faculty and Students.

"There was a vacancy in the business school," Meagher said of his decision to run. "I felt it should be filled so that the school could have more representatives at the table."

The first John David Morris Award was presented to Vice President for Community Affairs Kuyomars "Q" Golparvar. The award promotes excellence in student government, and will be presented monthly. Golparvar was cited by Executive Vice President Dianne Gayoski for his work with Sarah Goodyear, who ran for the Advisory Neighborhood Commission, and with Foggy Bottom Clean-Up.

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GW MEN'S BASKETBALL, Franklin National Bank Classic Tournament, U.S. Air Arena. December 8-9. Sundays first game is at 1:30 PM, GW plays at 4:00 PM. Tickets are available at J Street, \$5/day-\$5 /day for bus.

SHUTO SOCIETY, Karate Classes. Medical School Room 116. Every Sunday 10:30 AM-Noon and Wednesday 8:30-9:30 AM. First Class Free. Info? Contact Walter at 202-298-6531.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 5

CAREER CENTER, Effective Interviewing Workshop. Academic Center T-509, 5:30-7:00 PM. Info? Contact Jon at 994-6495.

HILLEL, Chanuk Ball. Bravo Bravo, 9:30 PM. \$5 cover, reduced admissions with canned goods. Info? Contact Jeff at 462-1922.

STUDY ABROAD, ISEP Information Session. Stuart Hall 103, Noon.

General Information Session. Stuart Hall 104, 2:30 PM. Info? Contact Alissa at 994-1649.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 6

MUSIC DEPARTMENT, University Singers Winter Concert & Messiah. Western Presbyterian Church, 7:30 PM. All seats \$5. Info? Contact Jessica at 994-6245.

SOUTH ASIAN SOCIETY AND SHADES OF THE FINE ARTS, Spin the Globe: We Are The Stories We Tell. Marvin Center Ballroom, 7:00 PM. \$7. Info? Contact Sonny at 337-2523.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 7

DANCE PERFORMANCE PROJECT, Informal Concert. Building J, 7:00 PM. Info? Contact Alex at 676-2309.

GW CHAPTER, Campaign To End The Death Penalty. Supermax Facility, Baltimore, Maryland, 2:00 PM. Info? Contact Julie or Sara at 347-1932.

STUDENT ASSOCIATION, Foggy Bottom Tours. Visitor's Center, 11:30 AM. Info? Contact Emily at 994-7100.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 8

MUSIC DEPARTMENT, University Symphony Orchestra. Marvin Center Theatre, 7:30 PM. Info? Contact Jessica at 994-6245.

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Fair and square?

The Joint Elections Committee recently released its preliminary rules for the 1997 student elections, and they are something of a mixed bag. Some of the changes, such as requiring a runoff if the leading candidate gets less than 50 percent of the vote, will help make the election fairer. But others, like the restrictive new rules on endorsements, could kill some worthy candidates' campaigns.

In the past, the election for executive positions has been decided in a runoff only if no candidate can get more than 40 percent of the vote. But that means a candidate can win the election outright without getting a majority of the vote — like current Student Association President Damian McKenna did last year. There's no disputing that McKenna was the most popular candidate, but the principles of democracy say a majority should decide elections. By raising the threshold to 50 percent, the JEC is helping to further legitimize our election process.

But what they've decided to do about student endorsements is a big mistake. In the past, groups could buy up to half a page of advertising in campus publications to endorse a candidate. Now, they'll be able to take out unlimited advertising — but the cost will be deducted from the candidate's spending allowance.

Candidates have no control over who is going to endorse them. Why should a candidate suffer financially because he or she is enjoying support from a large number of student groups? What's to stop an ingenious candidate from having his or her supporters simply take out pages and pages of ads endorsing an opponent? The opponent would quickly be disqualified for going over the spending limit. How does that help make the election fairer?

The JEC also hopes to make the vote-counting process faster and fairer by allowing "challengers" from each campaign to be present at polling places as the votes are counted. But this will just make the rumors fly even faster, and the results will be pretty much obvious even before they're announced in J Street. They should look for another way to speed up the process.

PG TV

Television programming will soon be going the way of films in that it will be rated, just like movies have been for years. Rather than a content-based ratings, like ones already employed by cable channels such as HBO, TV programming will have age-based ratings like those used in motion pictures.

This is a good tool for parents who don't really know what's on TV, but know they want to protect their children from things they shouldn't be seeing. The ratings are something of a precursor to the "v-chip," a device that will be placed in televisions and will allow parents to block out programming they think is unfit for their children.

The costs likely will be incidental — just the money it'll take to employ people to decide what the ratings should be. The networks have all agreed to the same standards for rating, which means all programming will be considered on a fair and equal basis.

The alternative to such ratings would eventually be censorship, and that is the one thing we have to guard against. It's understandable that parents would want more information about TV programming, and these ratings will provide that information. We'd rather see that than see angry parents demanding that programs be taken off the air because they let their children watch them, not knowing about content which was inappropriate for children.

The ratings are a big help to parents who care about what their children watch on television. The only shame in all this is that no rating system will help children whose parents just don't care what they're watching.

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Getting rid of the in-hall lottery is the best choice for GW housing

Few issues other than housing cause more intense feelings in students. That is why when the Residence Hall Association began discussing the possibility of changing the room selection process, the issue was taken very seriously. The most important aspect of these discussions was the possibility of eliminating the in-hall lottery process.

There were many factors that made this year an important year to look at room selection. First, the Dakota apartment building, home to more than 200 students, was transferred from the Office of Residential Life to the real estate office. Simply put, this decision eliminated in-hall for all of the students in the Dakota. Second, the new residence hall will be open for the next school year. This will provide 444 spaces, none of which will be filled by an in-hall process. Finally, there was the argument put forward by many students who felt the current system was not based enough on seniority, and did not give students as much flexibility as they could have in choosing a room.

After much discussion, the prospect of eliminating in-hall was taken to the hall councils. Before they voted, many of the hall councils surveyed their residents and made certain the meetings were well-publicized for all who wanted to attend. What was discovered in this process was that there was very little consensus either way.

The vote by hall councils was split almost evenly, and within each building, there was great dissension. One idea that has been proposed by different people at GW, including the editorial staff of The GW Hatchet, is for RHA to hold a campus-wide referendum. Yet, from the sampling done by the hall councils, a referendum would not produce any consensus on the matter.

Ron
Jacobs

Therefore, RHA decided to discuss the issue and vote.

RHA members, as the elected representatives who serve as liaisons between the Office of Residential Life and students, voted not based on individual gain, but on the idea that they were voting for the betterment of the room selection process. In the end, RHA was able to reach consensus when all of the issues were clearly discussed. Members decided that by recommending that in-hall be eliminated, they were protecting those students living in the Dakota who would not have an in-hall. If every other upper-class student could choose a room in-hall, then Dakota residents would be at an extreme disadvantage.

Additionally, members decided that by eliminating in-hall, juniors

and seniors would be given greater flexibility in choosing a room. With the in-hall process in place, when a junior or senior decides they want to move to a different building, there is a danger they will be unable to choose a good room in that building as they may all have been taken up during in-hall. Without in-hall, students will be able to select the room which they like best on campus, rather than in their current building. Additionally, they will be free to look at the new residence hall without sacrificing security in their building. Finally, RHA members decided that room selection is a random process. That is, students who are unlucky one year should not be punished in subsequent years, which is a distinct possibility under the in-hall system.

While I'm certain that not everyone will be happy with what RHA has proposed, in the end, more students will be able to get better rooms. It is now up to the administration to consider our recommendation and decide if they too want to seize the opportunity presented this year and eliminate many of the problems found in the current system. If you have any questions or concerns, feel free to come to an RHA meeting, call our office at 994-8319, or drop us a line at gwrha@gwis2.

—Ron Jacobs is president of the Residence Hall Association.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Paying more for less

I was quite dismayed to read "Larger classes may loom for GW" (front page) in the Nov. 25 edition of The GW Hatchet. Not only is it hard for me to believe that the student body is facing the possibility of yet another tuition hike, but also an increase in the size of classes. How could administrators ask students with a straight face to pay more for less quality? From reading the Hatchet article, I did not understand the logistics of the claim by President Stephen Joel Trachtenberg of the "economic impact of the (enrollment) shortfall" of the graduate schools, especially when this year's freshman class reached record numbers.

I also do not understand the nonchalant response of Student Association leaders to the possibility of the increase in tuition and class size. SA President Damian McKenna said, "I want the smallest increase possible." How could any increase at all be acceptable? We pay a hefty sum of money to go to this school as it is.

SA Vice President for Academic Affairs David Cleary said the SA would accept any decision of the deans of schools and that "the best we can do is talk to the deans and

express our concerns." I have a multitude of respect for the deans of this university, but if one should tell me what I should major in, I would not base my decision solely on that dean's word. I would investigate for myself by taking a class and speaking to people in the field.

Just simply expressing our concern to the deans is not the best we can do. We need to investigate for ourselves what the facts are. Doesn't it bother students that the majority of student organizations feel the most they can do in deciding where our money goes and how our housing is decided is merely offer advice?

Reporters write for The Hatchet because they want to bring the truth to students and tell the entire story. Many issues in the article were left unanswered — what about the large size of this year's freshman class? What are other options the administration is exploring to alleviate any financial problems? The Hatchet should do its own investigative reporting to find out exactly how our tuition money is spent. They should try to discover for themselves exactly what is the "economic shortfall," raise questions and challenge the administration and the GW community as a whole to pinpoint the problem and create a

fair solution. The Hatchet is, after all, a student-run newspaper and it should not be used as a mouthpiece of administrative ideas.

We need to join together as student organizations — the Student Association, the Residence Hall Association, the Program Board, the Black Peoples' Union, The Hatchet, the Muslim Students Association, Hillel and the hundreds of others. After all, these changes will affect our success in the classroom and beyond, and it will take money from our pockets which might be better spent elsewhere.

SA members ran for office for many reasons. But they were elected to represent the needs of the student body. I can't imagine any student would feel represented by someone unwilling to take a stand against tuition hikes and enlarged classes. The SA should do some investigating of their own, gauge the pulse of student opinion, and, if necessary, be prepared to rally students together to make our voices heard.

We students cannot afford to merely make suggestions. We need to demand that the administration do the right thing — for the students.

—Stacey Nollish
sophomore

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OPINION

Local businesses' support of PB means benefits for every student

As the Program Board corporate sponsorship chair, I would like to commend The GW Hatchet for taking such great interest in the activities of my committee. This year marks the greatest success PB corporate sponsorship has had since the creation of the corporate sponsorship committee four years ago, with local businesses providing \$23,190 worth of goods and services so far. Even so, I believe that The Hatchet, through no fault of its own, has misunderstood some aspects of our corporate sponsorship program that I would like to clarify here.

First and foremost, PB corporate sponsorship has not received any money in any form from any corporate sponsor. Agreements made through my committee are conducted strictly on a barter basis: goods and services are exchanged for advertising. The dollar amounts that I stated in my report are only the approximate retail values of the goods and services contributed.

In other words, we did not spend \$545 on a Planet Hollywood dinner; Planet Hollywood simply felt our advertising was worth the equivalent of dinner for 20, which turned out to be worth \$545. They gave us the dinner, not the money. The same goes for Bertucci's, the Improv and Massage Associates. They gave us dinner for 20, 30 show passes and 15 massage gift certificates respectively, not \$270, \$600 and \$900.

Second, the corporate sponsorship that has directly benefited the 17 executive board members of PB has a retail value of a whopping \$1,310, a full 6 percent of the total accumulated this semester. That comes out to \$77 per person, hardly an excessive

amount. (This amount includes three executive board dinners and passes to AMC Courthouse Theaters. No massages; believe me, we could use them.) That leaves \$21,880 worth of other stuff – including all of the Improv passes and massages at Massage Associates – to go to either general members of PB or the students at large.

Which brings up my last point. Any GW student can become a general member of PB. Just come to a meeting or volunteer to help at an event and – boom!

– you're a member. It's true that we use some of our sponsorship to reward our volunteers, \$1,790 worth to be exact, but I think everybody, including The Hatchet, agrees that it's nice to receive an occasional reward for hard work. It also means that

\$20,090 worth of stuff still goes to students who simply have to show up at a PB event to have a chance to win.

My committee and I have had tremendous success in securing the generous support of businesses in the GW community. The numbers I have cited above indicate that \$20,090 worth of sponsorship will go to non-PB students this year. If any of you feel it would be best to give up \$20,090 in prizes for our various contests because \$3,100 goes to the people who help put on the events, please contact me at bnathans@gwis2.circ.gwu.edu. I very much want to hear from you.

Here's to a successful rest of the year for PB and everybody at GW.

–Brian Nathanson
chair, PB corporate sponsorship

Brian
Nathanson

Note to Smith Center season ticket holders: please wake up now!

I would like to begin by pointing out that The John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts is not on the campus of The George Washington University. I mention this because as I sat at the Texas Tech-GW basketball game on Saturday, it occurred to me that the season ticket holders across the way seemed to have wandered into the gym on their way to the Kennedy Center.

Season ticket holders just sit. No, sometimes they do stand, but that's at halftime when it's time to schmoose or get a hot dog. But generally, they sit. They sit so much and act like such respectable

adults that I wonder if they think they're perhaps at a performance of "Damn Yankees" (which will soon open at the

Kennedy Center). Even when GW began to pull even with the Red Raiders, the season ticket holders did nothing. Well, I mean, they were practicing respiration, and I think their brains were active in some manner, but outwardly, they did nothing.

If I am offending the season ticket holders, then good. Stand up and yell at me. Glare at me. Write your local university president about me, but by all means, do something. You people are a disgrace to all basketball fans. But perhaps I'm being too rough. After all, you people are doctors and lawyers and politicians and senior White House correspondents for CNN (sorry, Wolf, but that's the price of fame). How can we expect you to act juvenile? You are all sooo respectable.

To all of you, I say turn on the TV. Watch CBS or ESPN at Kentucky or Duke or Syracuse or Kansas or Connecticut. You will see people in suits going crazy. It's like they know there is a game and they seem to actually give a damn if their team wins or loses. Are you season ticket holders more respected or cultured than the season ticket holders at the aforementioned schools? I don't think so.

I don't understand why you even come to the games. Is it an ego thing? Is it worth points at the partner's meetings if you can show proof that you attended the game? I just don't understand.

But I am not all about criticism. Four years at GW has taught me the importance of being a solution-oriented individual. So here goes. I think the major problem is that

you people lack the necessary leadership. So I propose that there be captains assigned to your side of the Smith Center. CNN's own Wolf Blitzer, Vice President for Student and Academic Support Services Bob Chernak and journalism professor Charles Puffenbarger (a.k.a. Puff) are my nominees. I have picked these individuals because of their high profiles and central location in the stands.

I challenge these three men to stand up and cheer. Practice this one at home. DE-FENSE (clap, clap) DE-FENSE. Or maybe you people could learn the fight song. My God, the words are written on

the scoreboard, and I would gladly teach you the tune. Call me – The GW Hatchet has my number. We'll set up a meeting. We'll do

lunch. I'll have my people talk to your people. And don't think that if your name isn't Bob or Wolf or Puff that you are off the hook. Here at GW I also have learned about personal responsibility. Take some. Stand up and participate. Be a leader in your own right. CHEER, DAMMIT!

Now I'd like to take a moment to address attendance – particularly, your lack thereof. Here at GW, many of my professors have impressed upon me the importance of attendance. At any given game, about half of the season ticket holders' seats are empty. Where are you people? I know Mr. Blitzer often has business in The White House, so I forgive him.

But what about the rest of you? Are you all detained by national security? Or are you waiting for the Massachusetts game? Did you all buy an entire season's worth of tickets just to ensure that you would have a ticket to the big game? Well, get real, people. UMass is not great. In fact, they might not even be good. As a GW fan, I might even go so far as to say they suck. The point is that games against teams like Texas Tech (who will end up in the top 25 at the end of the season) are great games, and may turn out to be even more exciting than the fabled UMass game. So show up and enjoy the games. You have the tickets, you might as well use them.

I will be monitoring your progress throughout the season, and I hope to check back with you all periodically.

–Eric D. Kerensky is a senior majoring in economics.

Eric
Kerensky

MORE LETTERS

Not funny

This letter is in response to the cartoon that appeared in the opinion section on p. 4 of The GW Hatchet on Nov. 25. The cartoon, entitled "What I Love About GW" and drawn by "Rob," whoever he is, depicts what appears to be a white student laughing at a joke told by two other students who appear to be of some Arab-type ethnicity. One of the students has his speech caption written in some sort of characters that resemble the Arabic alphabet.

I assume that "Rob's" attempt was to elicit some humor with this rather crude vignette. However, I did not find this cartoon funny in any way, and in fact viewed it as tremendously offensive in that it appears to be making fun of Arab/Middle Eastern types by maliciously degrading their physical characteristics and language.

As an Iranian-American and cultural minority in this country, I have dedicated the past several years of my life toward working on issues relating to multiculturalism and diversity, trying to stress the importance of sensitivity toward different cultures, races, ethnicities, sexual orientations and nationalities. I have been involved in a variety of activities that convey this message, from writing about diversity as the liberal columnist for the now defunct *It Magazine* to working with the Civil Rights Division at the Department of Justice.

"Rob," your cartoon is the type of insensitivity that serves as the root and fundamental cause of

strained cultural relations. The caricature of the two Arab-type students would be akin to a drawing of two Asian-type students saying "Chin-Chao-Chang" to each other, or using a Sambo-esque depiction to illustrate two African Americans saying "yo, whassup, bro," incorporating any witless stereotypes that flourish in our society.

These slanderous forms of communication usually smack of larger insecurities or naïveté, so let me pass along a piece of advice, "Rob." Examine yourself and ask whether you are fully secure with who you are, or if your apparent lack of ability to comprehend those different from you does not spawn from hatred or cultural arrogance.

While everyone has the right to communicate in any fashion, even if it is as a simple-minded bigot, I expect The Hatchet to follow basic journalistic tenets when it comes to using such material for what it intends to be humorous purposes. I demand a printed apology from "Rob" and The Hatchet for this hideous display of carelessness and insensitivity. It behooves The Hatchet to think twice before deciding to publish a cheap and miserable piece of trash like this again.

–Babak Zafarnia
graduate student, public administration

A goal and a priority

In my five years at GW, I have not written a letter to the editor of The GW Hatchet – until now. I write today out of utter frustration

because a headline in your Nov. 25 issue ("Admissions' affirmative action is a goal, not a priority," front page) was grossly misleading and potentially hurtful to both the University and its students.

Although Amy Maio did what I consider to be an outstanding job of writing about affirmative action and diversity in the Office of Undergraduate Admissions, I was shocked and offended by your headline. The entire article was devoted to demonstrating the exact opposite, that recruitment of under-represented populations is a top priority in our office.

There are more minority students in the undergraduate population today than at any time in the University's history, and the 8 percent African-American enrollment in this year's freshman class is a figure which is possibly the largest of any top-tier university in America. Some members of your editorial board may have been confused by my stating that we do not use quotas. The evolving body of law puts quotas on shaky legal ground. My job is to maximize the diversity of our freshman class within the law. We have worked hard to do just that.

I have personally dedicated myself to affirmative action principles in admissions for 20 years. The current jargon "not a priority" used in a headline means "we don't care about it." Nothing could be further from the truth. A headline that directly contradicts the body of a story is unprofessional and undermines the credibility of this publication.

–Frederic A. Siegel
director of Office of Undergraduate Admissions



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GW proposal to enlarge anniversary park fails

Commissioners say request to use public space would take land away from Foggy Bottom

BY JENNIFER LEMEGA
HATCHET STAFF WRITER

The Advisory Neighborhood Commission held an emergency meeting Monday to vote on Resolution 96-12-S, GW's request to enlarge plans for Anniversary Park,

which it will build next to the State Plaza Hotel to commemorate the University's 175 years.

The resolution failed. Both the commissioners and the crowd had mixed feelings about the situation.

The park, a joint effort by GW and the Potomac Electric Power Co.,

will be constructed in the open lot between Foggy Bottom Grocery and the hotel. GW needed to consult with the ANC to get permission to extend the park boundaries beyond PEPCO's land, a plan that would have used about 2,000 feet of public space.

"I've never opposed GW," commissioner Maria Tyler said. "I'm certainly not against landscaping. I'd like to put that on the record ... when we received the letter (from GW) on Nov. 15 nothing was mentioned about the resolution ... we were misled."

Tyler voted against the resolution.

A debate ensued between Tyler and GW Director of Architecture, Engineering and Construction Michelle Honey.

Tyler questioned Honey about the park's location using a map of campus. "I offered for you to call me," Honey said to Tyler. "I never received any phone calls."

"It was clear to me," commissioner Dale Barnhard said.

Barnhard had walked out of the meeting during Honey's presentation of the proposed park options, and did not return until Tyler was questioning her.

"The D.C. authorities informed me (GW) needed to see the ANC because you had an over-sized fence," commissioner Dorothy Miller said.

The fence would be seven feet tall, with a one-foot, eight-inch base and iron grates adding to the height. It also would have a locked gate.

"I think we can resolve this quickly and easily," commissioner Mike Gerou said.

ANC Vice Chair Jean Swift asked why a locked gate and tall fence were necessary.

"There is a problem with people

sleeping on the benches," Barnhard said. He noted other park sites in the neighborhood that have homeless people sleeping in them.

"I think it is interesting you celebrate 175 years by taking land away from the community," Miller said.

One commissioner called the ANC "dysfunctional," and commissioners told one another to "shut up."

Tyler then voiced her concern about GW expanding its campus boundaries.

"Let the record show commissioner Miller is leaving because what you are doing is illegal," Miller said. She said she was still concerned about the legalities of a meeting held without proper public notice.

ANC Chair Sara Maddux did not acknowledge Miller, who eventually remained at the meeting to vote on the resolution.

Swift said the park would be better without the extra land, and that would make the fence "less intrusive."

"I would like to see GW have responsibility of the whole area ... we know it will be taken care of ... I don't want any question (over care of sidewalk and extra land)," one person in the audience said.

As a GW freshman was voicing his opinion, the resolution was called to a vote. It failed, and the meeting was adjourned.

"It is unfortunate," Honey said. "Here we have an opportunity to do something positive."

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Campus community service book delayed

SA project cites lack of groups' support

BY STACEY FELSEN
HATCHET STAFF WRITER

The publication of the Student Association's community service booklet has been delayed due to a lack of student group responses.

"We are trying to compile a book of organizations looking for help. We thought the best way would be to talk to student groups," said undergraduate Sen. Carrie Potter (CSAS), the project coordinator.

SA leaders thought the booklet would be ready by Nov. 2 for the Foggy Bottom Clean-Up, but the lack of interest has delayed publication.

The project will now be put on hold and will be resumed next semester.

"We have been trying to pull this together for a while. Everything is waiting on the student groups," Potter said.

"We have been persistent and are hoping people will see this can happen," said undergraduate Sen. Adam Siple (CSAS), who chairs the Senate student life committee. Questionnaires, fliers and e-mail messages were sent to more than 250 student groups on campus. Only four student groups have responded.

The SA is planning to try alter-

native methods to encourage student groups to participate. SA members plan to spread the word to their own student groups, relying on word of mouth to spark interest in this project.

"Community service is very fragmented on this campus. We want to coordinate efforts. This is a tool to focus community service, so people are aware of what's out there," Siple said.

The booklet was to be divided into two sections. The first would list participating student groups' community service involvement. The second would have D.C. community service listings, divided by topic and providing campus contacts.

The sections could be used as a cross-reference for one another. The data for the book can be stored in a computer, making it easy to update it every two or three years.

SA volunteers would distribute the booklets and facilitate discussions with student groups.

"I think the book would be worthwhile because many students interested in community resources don't know where help is needed," sophomore Allison Conti said.

Students and groups interested in the booklet can call Potter at the SA office at 994-7100.

MC receives bomb threat

Building evacuated but police find no explosives

University Police evacuated the Marvin Center Wednesday afternoon after an unknown caller told a GW employee that a bomb was in the building.

Approximately 250 people were asked to leave the building while it was searched at noon.

"We ... received a threat that there was a bomb planted in the Marvin Center ... around 11:50 a.m.," said UPD Captain Anthony RoccoGrande. "It was almost 2:20 p.m. before we let anyone back in (the building)."

In the meantime, seminars were moved to the Academic Center. Food carts of half-eaten delicacies of the University Club sat on 20th Street, and ARAMark employees were ushered to the Thurston Dining Hall to await clearance to enter the Marvin Center.

UPD did not find any stray packages or suspicious parcels in the building. They then called Metropolitan Police, which searched the building accompanied by a team of bomb-sniffing dogs.

"Thankfully, everything turned out OK and there was no bomb," RoccoGrande said.

Calling in a bomb threat is a felony. "If we catch the individual, we will prosecute to the full extent of the law," RoccoGrande said.

Thurston Hall, on 19th and F streets, and the GW Medical Center complex, on 24th and I streets, were subjected to bomb threats in October. Neither the perpetrators nor any bombs were found.

-Anne Miller

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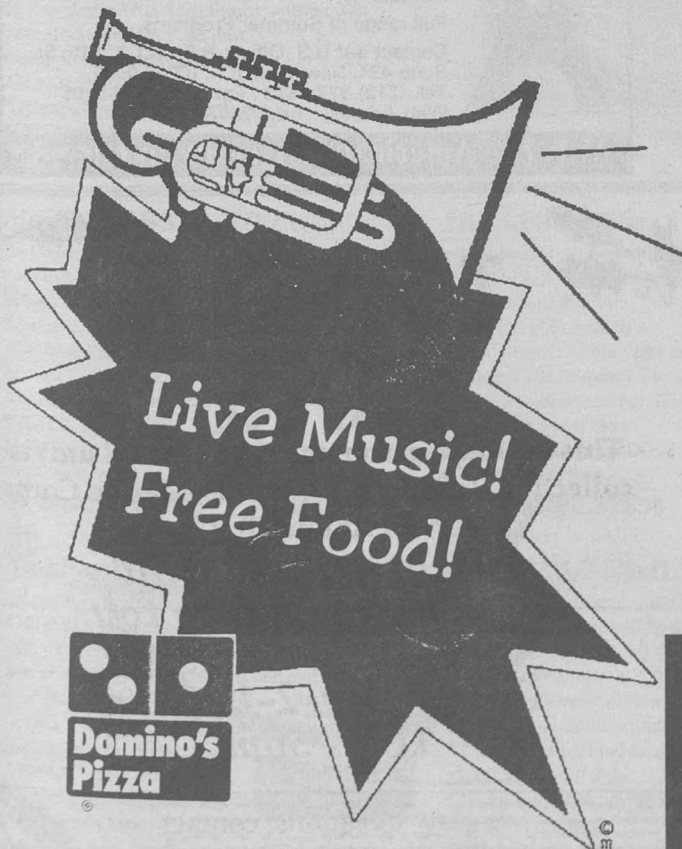
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FBA may hire security to combat local crime

BY ILENE J. CLAUSON
HATCHET STAFF WRITER

An increase in armed robberies in Foggy Bottom since last spring has sparked one resident to propose hiring a private security company to patrol the neighborhood.

The area of Foggy Bottom that would be patrolled is bordered on the north and south by K and H streets, to the east by 24th Street and New Hampshire Avenue, and 26th street to the west, according to Paul Falon, a Foggy Bottom Association member and resident.

A number of people and businesses have been accosted in Foggy Bottom lately, including Supreme Court Justice Ruth Bader Ginsberg. Falon said Metropolitan Police did not express an interest in increasing its efforts to combat the recent crimes.

Falon's goal is to hire an unarmed guard to patrol the streets of Foggy Bottom. Some Georgetown neighborhoods have taken similar steps to increase their homes' security.

The crime rate in Georgetown has fallen dramatically, Falon said.

"We've called the same company (used in Georgetown), Wells Fargo Security, and they came out and looked at the neighborhood and gave information on costs and services," Falon said.

According to a flyer distributed by Falon, "The guard's duties would include reporting suspicious activity to the police and escorting participating residents, who telephone the guard, to or from their houses and their cars."

Falon has distributed information to other Foggy Bottom residents and has spoken at FBA's monthly meetings.

"Residents have not indicated an overwhelming support ... we need more to make it economically feasible," Falon said.

A minimum of 50 participating households could pay for 20 hours a week of coverage, but, Falon added, the participation of more households could provide either more hours of coverage or more officers on duty.

The proposed coverage would be from 8 p.m. to midnight, Monday through Friday, and would cost the neighborhood \$16,727.36 per year.

CORRECTION

In the article "Reporters dissect '96 campaign" on p. 13 of the Nov. 25 edition of The GW Hatchet, Susan Baer's name was misspelled.

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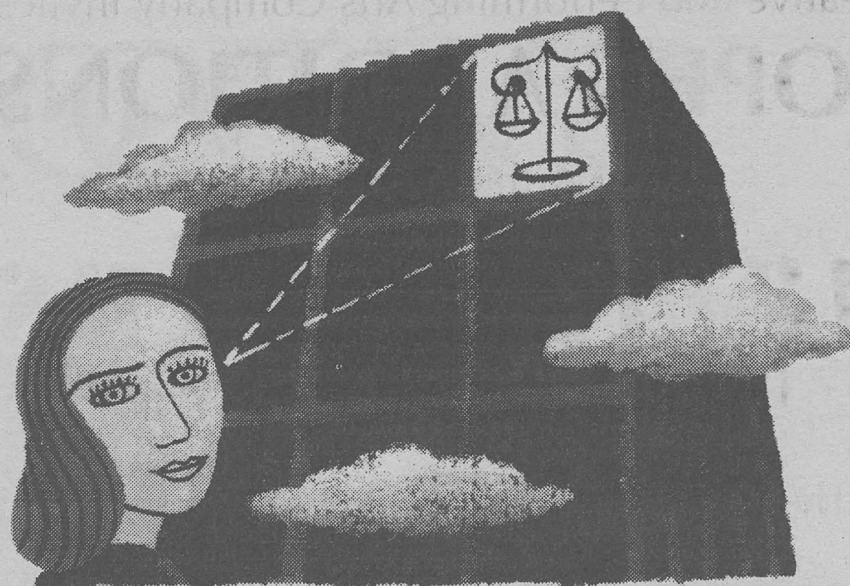
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- Building GG, Nov. 25. An employee reported the theft of his \$75 bicycle from the first floor.
- Dakota apartment building, Dec. 2. A resident reported the theft of her wallet, containing ID and various credit cards, from her room on the eighth floor.
- Fungler Hall, Nov. 25. A student reported the theft of her backpack, containing three books and miscellaneous school supplies valued at \$135, from the first floor.
- Gelman Library, Dec. 3. A student reported the theft of her wallet from the third floor. The wallet contained various credit cards, ID and \$55.

- Gelman Library, Dec. 3. An employee reported the theft of \$126 from the third floor.
- Government Hall, Nov. 26. An employee reported the theft of her purse, including \$10 and various credit cards, from the second floor.
- GW Law School, Nov. 26. A student reported the theft of his \$2,500 laptop computer.
- Kennedy Onassis Hall, Nov. 26. A student reported the theft of his laptop computer from his seventh floor room.
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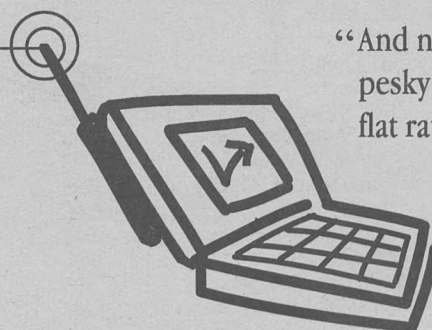
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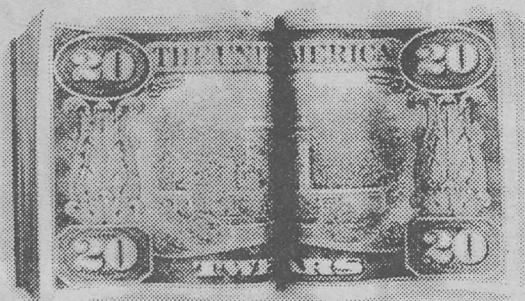
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History of blues brought to stage

BY CYNTHIA MORRIS
HATCHET REPORTER

Four men and three women come on stage, dancing to African music. Drawings of African men and women from the 1700s flash on the three huge screens above their heads. The seven singers chant along to African tunes.

Wait a minute — isn't this supposed to be a blues music revue? Where is the blues music, I wonder? I am not left wondering for long, though.

In "It Ain't Nothin' But the Blues," a historical tour through the blues tradition now playing at Arena Stage, the audience begins its journey in Africa and continues right up to modern times. The show includes the sounds of gospel, soul, R&B and, even country and western. The pictures and drawings that form the backdrop follow the historical development of the music, ending with a picture of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

"It Ain't Nothin' But the Blues" is a get-on-your-feet-and-cheer celebration of blues history as told by the music itself. Writers "Mississippi" Charles Bevel, Lita Gaithers, Ron Taylor and Dan Wheetman are joined on stage by Carter Calvert, Eloise Laws and Chic Street Man. Randal Myler also helped write the show and directed it.

Blues music is not just an art, it is a feeling. As Laws explains in the program, "The Blues is telling it like it is. It comes from the heart." It is obvious that the performers feel and believe in the music they sing. Lyrics are ad-libbed at times, while the singers dance with one another on stage.

Old favorites, such as "Let the Good Times Roll" and "Sweet Home Chicago" are intermingled with songs written specifically for the show. The audience claps and sings along with the performers. Heads bob up and down, and everyone seems to be dancing in their seats. This is no blues club, but the performance is true to the music and its incredible style.

"It Ain't Nothin' But the Blues" continues at Arena Stage's Kreeger Theater, 6th Street and Maine Avenue, S.W., through Jan. 19. Shows are performed Tuesday, Wednesday and Sunday at 7:30 p.m. and Thursday-Saturday at 8 p.m. There are matinees on selected Saturdays, Sundays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays. Tickets are \$23-\$42, with discounts available for students, groups and persons with disabilities. Half-price, day-of-performance tickets are available 90 minutes before curtain, prior to every performance. For more information or tickets, call (202) 488-3300.

Director 'hypes' up grunge documentary

BY NICOLE SPEULDA
WEEKEND WRITER

If you are looking for a distraction from quality family time this holiday season, try the latest documentary from independent filmmaker Doug Pray and see what all the Hype! (Cineplex Film Properties) is about.

The film presents an in-depth look at the evolution of the sounds and styles of grunge as the Pacific Northwest city of Seattle became a music Mecca in the early 1990s. The recent history is recounted by the local people of Seattle and focuses on how the mass media facilitated the amazing rise to fame of some of the local bands.

Filmed without any voice-overs or narration, it features everyone from Eddie Vedder and Soundgarden to Seattle residents telling their stories and sharing opinions on the transformation of pop culture between 1985 and 1994.

In a recent interview in Washington, D.C., Pray described the making of Hype! as a "four-year odyssey." With the goal in mind to provide a true account of the "Seattle scene" during this time, Pray said he wanted this film to be an "underground portrait showing the absurdity of how far pop culture went."

In order to have this effect on the audience, Pray said he recalls telling his cinematographer to have "no style. Let's just document them as best we can and let them be themselves."

The movie is truthful indeed, with live concert footage of local bands screaming out their music to bar audiences combined with more than 20 their torn jeans and pieces of matted hair naturally winding into dreadlocks.

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You can't Judge Butt-Head by his creator

BY KAREN D. ANCILLAI
WEEKEND EDITOR

LOS ANGELES — The first thing that strikes you about Mike Judge is how normal he is — soft-spoken, dressed in jeans and sneakers. The second thing that strikes you is how uncomfortable he seems in the spotlight surrounding his movie, *Beavis and Butt-Head Do America* (Paramount Pictures). He squirms under the attention of the media and his handlers. He appears almost embarrassed by his fame.

"Heh-heh, heh-heh, she said bare-ass," Judge quips in perfect Butt-Head, and you suddenly see he's not as normal or shy as he seems.

Judge, creator of those teenage MTV icons who can't ever score, *Beavis and Butt-Head*, said he always wanted to do comedy and practiced by imitating teachers at his high school in Albuquerque, N.M.

Judge's dreams of doing comedy took a backseat to his education, though. He earned his B.A. in physics at the University of California at San Diego and then went to work for a government contracting company on the F-18 fighter plane. He later gave up making weapons of mass destruction to play music. He moved to Dallas in 1988 and married a year later.

While playing music and attending graduate school part-time for a master's degree in math, Judge went to see the "Animation Celebration." He said he became intrigued by the thought of making his own animated short and taught himself animation. One of his first shorts got picked up by Spike and Mike, creators of the "Sick and Twisted Festival of Animation."

"It was called 'Huh?' and it wasn't very good," Judge said, laughing. Nevertheless, the short about a fat man watching a health food commercial helped Judge get his foot in the door of the world of animation. In January 1992, another of Judge's shorts made the animation festival. It was called "Frog Baseball" and featured two characters he had created about a year earlier, *Beavis and Butt-Head*.

Spike and Mike weren't the only ones who were interested in Judge's work — Abby Terkuhle, executive producer of MTV's animated "Liquid Television," contacted Judge to say he wanted to use Judge's shorts, so to speak. He was particularly interested in "Frog Baseball," and said the network wanted to give *Beavis and Butt-Head* their own show.

Judge said most people just didn't get the irony of the show when it first aired. He said he still remembers the first review of the show he read: "I don't even know who wrote it, but whoever it was, they thought I was trying to write really funny and that this was the best I could do," he said.

Someone did get it, though. Two weeks after the show's premiere, Paramount Pictures called Judge about making it into a movie.

"They saw *Beavis and Butt-Head*



Mild-mannered Mike Judge has a dark side to his personality: *Beavis and Butt-Head*.

as the next Bill and Ted or Wayne and Garth," Judge said.

The show's premiere sparked controversy as well. Parents were upset by *Beavis and Butt-Head*'s vulgarity.

"I always thought it was a PG-13 kind of thing," Judge said, acknowledging the show is not appropriate for all audiences.

Included in that are his two- and five-year-old daughters. "I don't show it to my kids, I guess partly because I'm embarrassed. Besides, kids at five are already completely obsessed with poop," Judge said.

"*Beavis and Butt-Head*" has outlasted its critics, and the movie set into action two weeks after the show's premiere has finally come to fruition. Judge said it was difficult to go from writing five-minute segments to writing a full-length movie.

The biggest problem came from the natures of *Beavis and Butt-Head* themselves, he said. They're not the

type of characters who realize they're in trouble and look for a way out, Judge said. In fact, "they're oblivious and stupid."

He said he got some of his ideas simply by thinking of a location and then putting *Beavis and Butt-Head* into it. Other ideas came in less conventional ways, such as the way Judge said he thought of Corn Holio, *Beavis*' alter-ego. He was sleeping and then sat bolt upright with the idea that "*Beavis* should pull his T-shirt over his head and start babbling."

Judge's idea right now is that he needs a break.

"Animation is all about managing people," he said.

He said he'd like to try something that's less about management, like a live-action movie.

But what would *Beavis and Butt-Head* have to say about that?

"Heh-heh, heh-heh, he said action."

Beavis and Butt-Head Do America

BY KAREN D. ANCILLAI
WEEKEND EDITOR

At one point in *Beavis and Butt-Head Do America* (Paramount Pictures), *Butt-Head* turns to *Beavis* and says "Beavis, this is the greatest day of our lives."

I don't know if I would take it that far, *Butt-Head*, but it is definitely one of the higher points in your young lives. I'm not sure how much that is saying, though.

In the film, *Beavis and Butt-Head* fly to Las Vegas and then back across the country. The lethargic nature of *Beavis and Butt-Head* makes it unbelievable that they would set off on an adventure across America by their own choice. Co-writers Mike Judge and Joe Stillman came up with a clever way to inspire the two to get off the couch: Their TV is stolen and they must pound the pavement of Highland in search of another.

The search for a beloved television first leads the boys to school, where they help themselves to one from the AV room. When Principal McVicker catches them, they must seek out another. They end up at a

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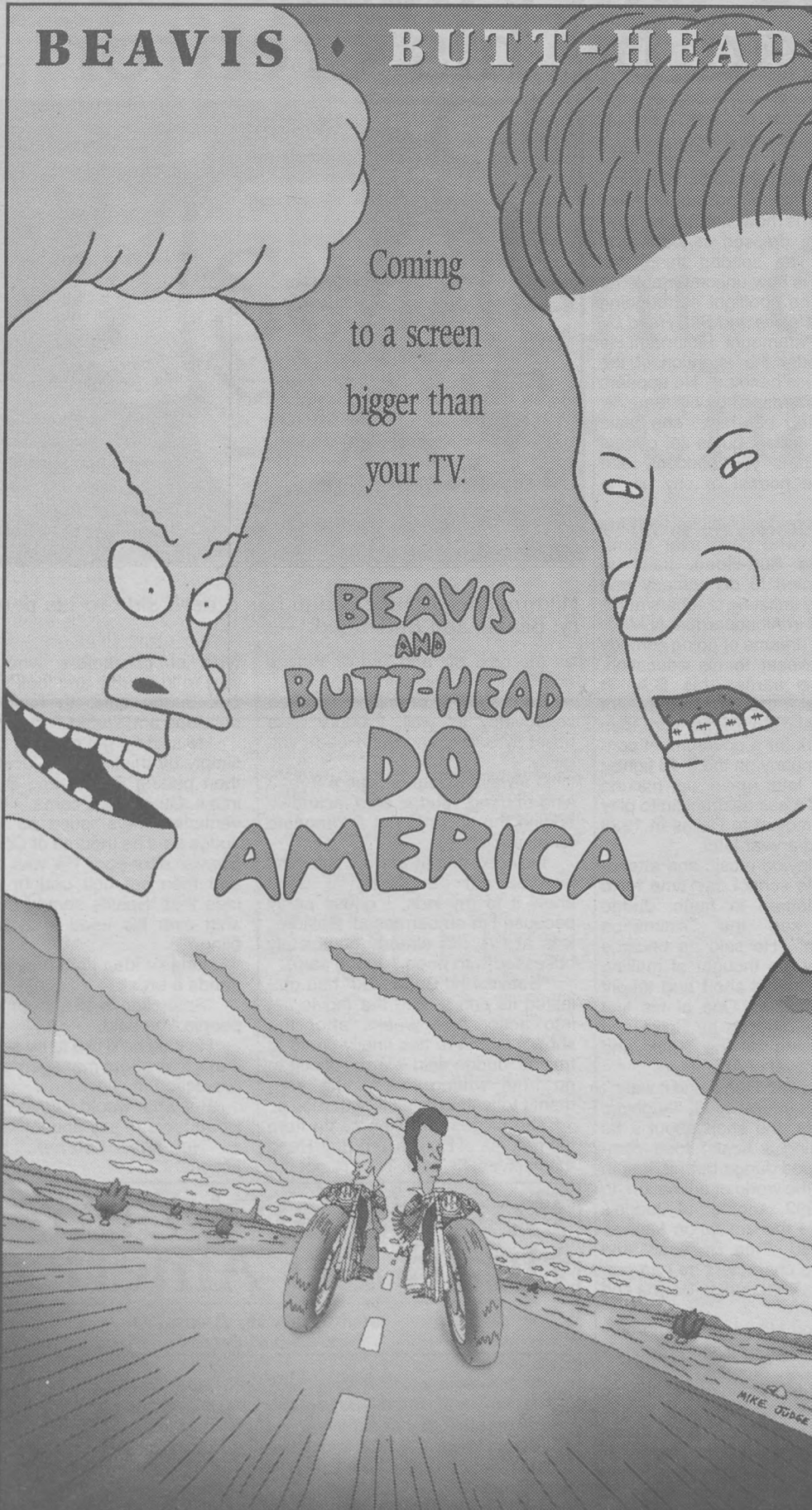
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Mamet's life a 'Cryptogram'

A 10-year-old boy must break the codes of adult behavior in order to survive the dramatic disintegration of his family in "The Cryptogram," opening this month at the Studio Theatre.

The semi-autobiographical play, written by David Mamet, views the destruction of a 1950s-style nuclear family through the eyes of young John. When John's father fails to return home one night, he and his mother, Donny, must learn to survive as the family suddenly dissolves mysteriously.

"The Cryptogram" explores John's and Donny's betrayal at the hands of the unseen father, as well as by Del, Donny's best friend.

Mamet is well known for his realistic use of the vernacular in plays such as "Sexual Perversity in Chicago," "Speed the Plow," as well as more recent works like "Oleanna." Mamet's plays have made the jump to the big screen with films such as *House of Games*, *Glengarry Glen Ross* and most recently, *American Buffalo*, starring Dustin Hoffman.

The role of John is played by 11-year-old Michael Drezner, a student at Sidwell Friends School. He said in a press release that he tries not to make a big deal out of his new-found stardom, and he hopes his classmates will come to see the play. He admits, however, they might not understand much of the subject matter.

"The Cryptogram" plays at the Studio Theatre, 1333 P St., N.W., Dec. 11-Jan. 12. Tickets are \$19.50-\$29.50, and half-price tickets for full-time students are available one-half hour before curtain on a seating availability basis. For more information and tickets, call (202) 332-3300.

—Eric D. Kerensky

'Damn Yankees' play at Kennedy Center

Any Baltimore Orioles fans who are still steamed about the lost chance at the World Series this year may want to stop by the Kennedy Center this month. Disgruntled Orioles fans will get a second chance to root against their hated team when "Damn Yankees" opens.

The musical is set in 1955 when the Senators still belonged to Washington, D.C. In the show, the Senators have been unable to beat the Yankees. Therefore, as any loyal, yet discouraged, fan would do, Joe Boyd makes a deal with the Devil (played by Jerry Lewis) using his soul as collateral.

Through the bargain, Boyd regains his youth and becomes "Shoeless Joe," the long-ball hitter his beloved team needs to beat the Yankees. Leading his team to victory after victory, Joe begins to think the Senators will win the pennant and he will get to keep his soul. Yet evil is not to be beaten as easily as a baseball team, and the Devil ups the ante by sending in Lola — a luscious temptress determined to distract Joe from his game and family.

Based on the novel by Douglass Wallop, *The Year the Yankees Lost the Pennant*, the musical was a smash hit on Broadway when it premiered in 1955. Because it still features the same popular songs from the score by the Tony-award winning team of Richard Adler and Jerry Ross, expect to hear favorites such as "You Gotta Have Heart," "Whatever Lola Wants" and "The Good Old Days."

"Damn Yankees" plays at the Kennedy Center Opera House Dec. 10-Jan. 12. Tickets are \$25-\$100 and half-price tickets for students with a valid ID are available on the day of performances (except Saturdays) subject to availability. For more information and tickets, call (202) 467-4600.

—Emily Danyluk

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WEEKEND



Bar: Dave and Buster's
Where: White Flint Mall, on Wisconsin Avenue, outside the Beltway. For those of you without cars, it's about a quarter mile from the White Flint Metro Station on the Red Line.
Crowd: Men in suits playing games.
Getting In: They card at the door, even at lunch time.
Prices: Save up for this trip, but it's a great place to splurge.
Food: CHEESESTEAK AND FRIES (Not that the Bar Belle is too enthusiastic about it...)
Dancing: No, but there's a ton of other things to do.
Pick-ups: "Hey baby, can I buy you a round of Skee-ball?"
Pluses: It's unlike any place you've ever been to in the D.C. area.
Minuses: It's a bit out there, and pricey, but definitely worth it.

The Bar Belle is in love with two men: Dave and Buster. The good thing is that she can spend time with both of them on the top floor of the White Flint Mall. Now, the Bar Belle knows what you are thinking: All that alcohol has finally gone to her head. A great bar in a mall? But ask yourself, has the Belle ever steered you astray before?

Going to Dave and Buster's is like going to Atlantic City, with a much shorter drive. The dining room and bar feature cheesesteaks (chicken and traditional), nachos, French fries, burgers and other fine fare. The bartenders will serve up whatever you desire. Beware, lunch for three (two cheesesteaks, two beers, a soda and an order of fries) cost about \$35.

If you want to bypass the culinary option and head straight for the midway, do not despair. There is also a bar in the midst of the midway. On your way to the midway itself, be sure to notice the blackjack tables on the left and the shuffleboard and billiards on the right.

Beyond all this is the midway, an expanse of virtual reality, video and beach boardwalk games. Men in suits sit in Pole Position-like cars, racing against the cars beside them or the ones on the big-screen TV.

The Belle found her home at the Skee-Ball and Poker-Ball machines. And therein lies the rub. When you get to Dave and Buster's, you pay \$1 for a card that you can put units on. Three units cost \$1. Skee-Ball, for example, takes 1.5 units (50 cents). Some games, like the virtual reality, run 16 units or more. It is all too easy to put \$10 worth of units on a card and have nothing left after 20 minutes.

Heh-heh, MTV duo appear in first film

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hotel, where they happen upon an unlocked door and stumble inside intending to take the TV.

The room is not vacant, however, and the man named Muddy inside mistakes Beavis and Butt-Head for the two men he contracted to "do" his wife, Dallas. Naturally, they mistake his meaning. Muddy briefs them on the plan and drops them off at the airport to catch their plane to Las Vegas. From there, they fall into a series of mishaps that lead them cross-country.

The two take it all in stride, from their first plane ride to an encounter with Chelsea Clinton at The White House. In between, they befriend a kindly old lady and become fugitives from the law. The biggest reaction out of either of them at any point is a "Heh-heh, heh-heh." Making the move to the big screen hasn't changed the look of Beavis and Butt-Head. The animation is far from the quality of a Disney or even a Don Bluth film. Inspired art was never a quality of the show, and its fans know not to expect it.

The genius is in the writing. Sure it's vulgar, but it's also funny. The main plotline concerning Muddy and Dallas is contrived, but the people Beavis and Butt-Head meet and adventures they have on the side compensate for it. Robert Stack lends his voice to an overzealous cop with a penchant for full-cavity searches.

The old lady (with a voice provided by Cloris Leachman) has a hearing problem and takes to calling the boys Travis and Bob-Head. In rare, never-before-seen-footage, the boys also meet up with their fathers, although unbeknownst to them.

At several points, though, the film becomes simply a vehicle for the bands on the soundtrack and MTV itself. Beavis and Butt-Head spend a good two minutes dancing to the Red Hot Chili Peppers' "Love Rollercoaster." Later, Beavis endures a drug-induced dream in the desert, complete with drawings and music by Rob Zombie of White Zombie.

Beavis and Butt-Head Do America won't make Beavis fans out of non-fans. The boys' stupidity does get a little old in a full-length movie compared to the five-minute shorts on the show. The film is the closest they have ever come to scoring, though.

Beavis and Butt-Head Do America opens in theaters Dec. 20.

Grunge: all 'Hype'

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This interview-style movie is a portrait of what can happen to popular culture when a trend is heavily exploited by the mass media, and it offers music listeners a glimpse of what life was like before the bands became famous.

Remaining true to history, the bands are featured in the order of their ascendance to popularity, with the lesser-known groups, such as The Mono Men and The Fastbacks, preceding the popular Pearl Jam and Nirvana.

The film also includes the first-ever performance of Nirvana's "Smells Like Teen Spirit," which was played in a small club in Seattle before the band gained national fame.

Wanting to show more than a musical documentary, Pray said he set out "to create a time piece," and show how "the meaningless fad is over."

Regardless of whether grunge music and the clothing fashions it inspired made any profound historical impact on society, *Hype!* is a movie sure to entertain, complete with elements of humor and lots of live music.

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Sun. 1:20, 4:10, 7:00, 9:50
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My Fellow Americans (PG-13)
sneak preview Sat. 7:30

101 Dalmations (G)
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5:30, 7:10, 8:10, 9:50 (no 9:50
Thurs.)

The Preacher's Wife (PG-13)
sneak preview Sun. 5:30

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Fri.-Sat. 1:20, 3:20, 5:25, 7:40,
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daily 4:45, 7:15, 9:45
Sat.-Sun. 2:15, 4:45, 7:15, 9:45
(no 4:45, 7:15 Sun.)

Lone Star (R)
daily 4:25, 7:10, 9:55 (1:40 Sat.,
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Tues.-Wed. 2:00, 3:50, 5:40,
9:45

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2:10, 4:00, 5:50, 7:40, 9:30,
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Space Jam (PG)
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Miriam's Kitchen gets help from SA

Groups challenged to volunteer monthly

BY MONIQUE L. HARDING
ASST. NEWS EDITOR

Student groups can now reserve the first Wednesday of the month to volunteer to serve breakfast in Miriam's Kitchen.

Student Association President Damian McKenna, Executive Vice President Dianne Gayoski, Vice President for Community Affairs Kuyomars "Q" Golparvar and Director of Community Service Zaheer Arastu were the first to take part in this community service initiative Wednesday at 5:45 a.m.

"Once a month, for the rest of the academic year, the SA will continue to challenge student organizations on campus to do two hours of morning community service on a Wednesday for one month," Arastu said.

The goals are "to provide long-term, reliable community service ... to provide a labor force on campus and to have the SA become a leader in community service," he said.

"The office of community service might challenge administrators," Arastu added.

The office of community service will advertise the community service opportunities through ads

in The GW Hatchet, as well as via the SA, the Community Circle and the Office of Community Affairs. They also plan to hang posters around campus.

The ads will ask groups "if they are ready to take the challenge," Arastu said.

Latinos for Progress and other groups have shown interest, he said.

The SA had 10 people ready to volunteer Wednesday morning but only needed five to help serve breakfast.

The next "Miriam Monthly" will be Feb. 5. Students will meet in the front of the Marvin Center Bookstore at 5:45 a.m. and will return to campus at 8:15 a.m.

Any student can volunteer, but the organizations will have to reserve a day, although "people from one organization can help another organization," Arastu said.

Miriam's Kitchen only serves breakfast to local area homeless people on weekday mornings.

Miriam's Kitchen is in the basement of the Western Presbyterian Church on 24th and G streets.

"We want community service to play an important role for students," Arastu said.

"Shall I compare thee to a summer's day?" he asked.

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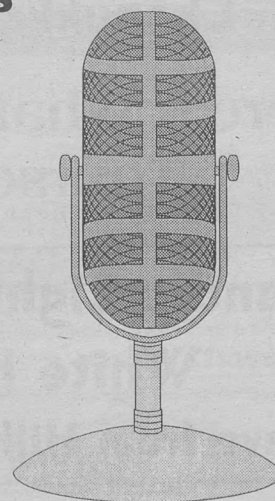
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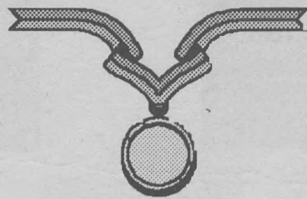
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MPD seeks to arrest former GW employee

An investigation of two burglaries in Fulbright and Kennedy Onassis halls and a suspicious person seen in Madison Hall in September led Metropolitan Police to request an arrest warrant for a former GW employee who left the University in February 1996.

Witnesses identified the same suspect on camera systems in the residence hall lobbies and were able to confirm that the man was responsible for stealing some watches, a pager and credit cards from a student's room that was unlocked. He also stole money

from another student's room, according to University Police Director Dolores Stafford.

The suspect will be barred from campus after MPD gets the warrant to arrest him.

His identity cannot be disclosed because he has not yet been arrested.

"The investigator on this case worked hard with students to identify the person responsible (for the thefts)," Stafford said.

—Monique L. Harding

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Challengers allowed to monitor voting

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(about campaign financing)," SA President Damian McKenna said. "But if (students) all hate (the new structure), the JEC would have to change it."

The issue of campaign spending in run-off elections is also affected by the proposed changes.

According to the preliminary rules, "in the event of a run-off election, the candidates may spend up to an additional 25 percent in personal funds and receive up to an additional 25 percent of in-kind donations of the original limits."

Also new to the JEC rules is a clause allowing a "challenger," one non-candidate designated by each person running for office, to check the voter turnout, observe poll watchers during the elections and witness the JEC recording of the voting machine tallies after the polls close on the final day of elections.

"If the JEC feels it's a good safeguard for this year ... then it's OK," McKenna said.

The proposed voting dates are Tuesday, Feb. 25, and Wednesday, Feb. 26. A run-off election would be held Tuesday, March 4, and

Wednesday, March 5, if necessary. Postering for all candidates will begin at 3 p.m. Feb. 22.

Among other changes proposed is the elimination of advertisement limits in campus publications. Previously, each student group could place an endorsement advertisement of up to one half page without the cost counting as part of the candidates' spending limit. This year, the cost of every ad must be included in candidates' in-kind donation spending limits.

The next step in the process of finalizing these rules will be a public hearing, to give students an opportunity to comment on the proposed rule changes. That meeting will be Jan. 21 or 22.

JEC Chairman Christopher Moody would not comment on the proposed changes but said the committee will listen to all comments.

Moody also said the JEC will require a convincing argument, not just opposition, to make them change their minds.

The JEC rules and the declaration of candidacy forms are not available outside the Office of Campus Activities in Marvin Center room 427.



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Engineers to switch houses

Students worried about temporary move to Marvin Center

BY ERIC LADLEY
HATCHET REPORTER

The GW Engineers Council will be evicted from the Davis-Hodgkins House at 2142 G St., N.W., Jan. 1 to make room for the Judaic studies program.

The group will not be provided with a new house until next fall.

"They are really pushing us aside," senior Engineering Council President Daniel Betts said. "We are an important organization."

Betts discussed the matter this past week with Associate Vice President for Academic Affairs Sharon Rogers.

Rogers was unavailable for comment.

Betts took the signatures of all the students in the council to Rogers. "This added strength to our plea," he said.

Senior Shannon Paillet said the engineers have a right to the house. "It is part of an endowment for engineering students," she said. "(In the house) we conduct professor evaluations and meet with our mentors."

The house also serves as a place for engineering students to study, receive tutoring, publish the School of Engineering and Applied Science Magazine and hear speakers.

"Rogers' opinion was that nothing happened here," he said. "Our letters were the key to changing her mind."

The engineering council will be given three rooms in the Marvin Center this spring. There is nothing guaranteed in writing, though,



Dave Fintzen/Photo Editor

The Davis-Hodgkins house at the corner of 22nd and G streets will soon be vacated by the Engineers Council to make room for the Judaic studies program.

according to Betts, who said the rooms would have to be booked through Rogers.

Tau Beta Phi, the engineering fraternity, uses the house as well. TBP representative Matthew Koff said he was unhappy with the arrangement.

"If we don't use the rooms, Rogers might say that having a house isn't justified," he said.

Graduate student Alex Rosenheim said the hours the rooms would be available are not conducive

to the schedules of engineering students. He said engineers work on group projects late at night, and the Marvin Center rooms would only be available during the day.

"This shows the University's attitude toward gifts," Rosenheim said. "People do not know how much certain things mean to certain people."

Betts said the new house will be ready once the D.C. government allows GW to renovate it. The new house will be at 609 22nd St., N.W.

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GW, Greek Affairs support policies

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"For example, under self-governance, if 10 fraternity members were documented for a violation of policy, the president of that chapter could be called to represent the chapter and defend it against the charges," he said. "However, the individuals may still be charged under the Code, and their cases would be adjudicated through the Dean of Students Office."

"Even if self-governance goes through, cases would still be approved through the University. Under self-governance, the Greeks would be making a recommendation ... not having final decisions," he added. "That way, the

University can still ensure fairness and consistency. It would not be a separate governing entity. There's a check and balance implicit in the self-governing process."

Marcie Tucker, the Greek Affairs coordinator for the Dean of Students Office, said the University supports the changes.

"We're trying to create a system so that those who are most affected have the most say in the process," she said. "They already have systems within each chapter and within each group to work with. They're used to setting standards, and holding each other accountable. The goal is to avert situations before they arise."

Fraternity membership, campus housing increases

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could not take everyone," Tucker explained.

Sigma Alpha Mu and Phi Gamma Delta will begin rush in October 1997, when students interested in being founding members can start their involvement.

"Unlike pledging, the membership program is stressful because it not only forces pledges to learn the history and foundation of their organization, but they must also

learn about organizing and maintaining a fraternity," Tucker said.

No plans exist for either Sigma Alpha Mu or Phi Gamma Delta to have houses. However, Tucker said she expects three floors to be allocated to members of the Greek community in Francis Scott Key Hall, as opposed to one and a half this year.

Sigma Alpha Mu and Phi Gamma Delta will belong to the National Fraternity Conference.

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All divisions will scale back to absorb loss

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Officials said GW is in the early stages of identifying where it can save money, and no department knows yet how much money it will be responsible for. However, Boselovic said the University plans to cut budgets across the board to minimize the effect on any one division.

"The idea is to make everyone share in proportion to their ability to absorb cuts," he said, adding that GW will "try to make everyone feel a little pain rather than have a few people feel a lot of pain."

Vice President for Student and Academic Support Services Robert Chernak said his department will look to increase revenue before cutting expenditures.

"What I would like to see first is if there are areas where we can control our revenue flow ... to see if there are ways we can start to think creatively about revenue enhancement," Chernak said. "If you make it up on revenue enhancement rather than cutting back on expenses, it's easier."

For example, he said the University could look into running a children's camp in the summer

using the facilities at Mt. Vernon College as a means of raising additional revenue. It also could increase the application fee for prospective undergraduate students.

"There are a lot of opportunities for those kinds of revenue enhancement that we're not taking advantage of," Chernak said. He added that "there's an expectation for units like (Student and Academic Support Services) to sort of pitch in and be a team player in all this."

"There's no question we can be more efficient and we can economize. The question is: How much?" he said.

Katz said the necessary cuts will be phased in over time, and GW has already taken some steps to prepare for them. "This is no surprise. We've been trying to make reductions over the past year to accommodate this," he said.

Boselovic said the loss of the \$5 million in revenue would not likely result in significant tuition hikes. "I don't foresee an extraordinary tuition increase to take care of this. It's going to be resolved in other ways."

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SPORTS

Colonials take two of three during Turkey Day holiday

GW beats American, South Florida; loses to Texas Tech

BY DAVE MANN AND
MATT BONESTEEL
HATCHET SPORTS WRITERS

While many GW students were at home suffering from turkey hangovers, the men's basketball team was in action three times, winning games over American and South Florida while losing to Texas Tech. The loss dropped the Colonials out of the Associated Press Top 25 poll.

GW returns to action this weekend in the Franklin National Bank Classic at USAir Arena in Landover, Md. The Colonials take on Mississippi State Sunday at 4 p.m. in the opening round. Monday, GW will either play Maryland or California. Time and opponent of that game will depend on the first round results.

GW 71, American 51

Playing two days after their tough home loss to Texas Tech, the Colonials used tough defense and aggressive rebounding to defeat the cold-shooting American University Eagles Monday night. A 15-5 second half run broke open a close game, as the Colonials pulled away for a 71-51 win before 4,500 boisterous fans at Bender Arena.

With GW again not shooting well from the perimeter, the

Colonials turned up their defensive intensity, limiting the young American team to 29 percent shooting. GW also maximized its height advantage inside, outrebounding American 47-33.

"We'll shoot better," GW head coach Mike Jarvis said. "Right now our outside shots are coming too easy. We'll start knocking them down, instead of taking threes we'll take a few steps in and take twos."

For the second consecutive game GW was paced by center Alexander Koul, as the junior center poured in 14 points and snagged 10 rebounds. Sophomore forward Yegor Mescheriakov led the team in scoring with 18 points, netting 14 of those in a first half in which GW jumped all over American, and took a 34-20 lead at halftime.

American's Nathan Smith and Thomas Treadwell got hot from the perimeter early in the second half, however, igniting the Eagles and cutting the Colonial lead to 44-38 with 12 minutes left in the game.

But GW intensified its defense, forcing turnovers and sparking its fast break. The Colonial pressure forced Smith and Treadwell into poor shots and turnovers.

With 10 minutes left, junior Darin Green stepped in front of an Eagle pass and was fouled on the ensuing breakaway, eventually

making both free throws. Minutes later, Shawnta Rogers again ran the fast break, feeding Mescheriakov for a dunk. Two possessions after that, Rogers drained a three-pointer to give GW a 61-43 lead with five minutes left, putting the game away.

The Colonial bench poured it on American in the closing minutes, making the final score more lopsided than the game actually was.

Jarvis was not concerned that his team allowed the inexperienced Eagles to stay close for much of the game. "This was their biggest game of the year, this was their biggest crowd of the year. It's a bigger game for them than it is for us," he said.

GW raced to an 11-point lead early in the first half, thanks mainly to poor American shooting and the dominance of Koul, Mescheriakov and Ferdinand Williams in the lane.

With the Eagles shooting a miserable 23 percent from the field in the first half, Koul and Mescheriakov used a combination of hook shots and turnaround jumpers to build the Colonial lead. When GW's outside shots came off the rim, a Colonial player was there for the rebound. This included the 6-10 Williams, who matched a career high with six points and three rebounds, all in the first half.

"It's good to see different kids come off the bench and play well," Jarvis said of the solid effort he received from reserves Williams, Green and freshman Kinte Smith.

Texas Tech 84, GW 75

A "mad bomber" was loose in the Smith Center Nov. 30, and he had the Colonials running for cover all night long as Texas Tech upset then-No. 25 GW 84-75 in front of a capacity crowd at the Smith Center. The loss was the first at home for the Colonials since they fell to Temple 76-60 on Feb. 26, 1995.

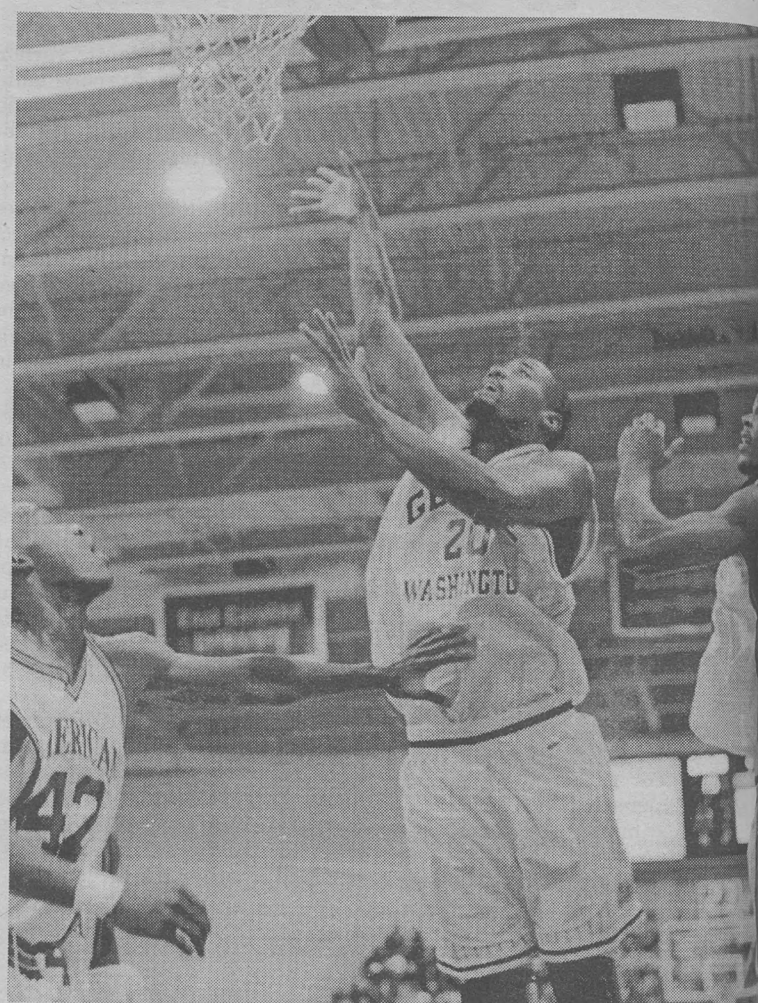
GW simply could not keep up with the hot-shooting Red Raiders, who hit 57 percent from the field and 60 percent from beyond the three-point line. The Colonials shot 44 percent from the field.

"They shot the hell out of the ball," Jarvis told the Washington Times. "They shot great. When we had a hand in their face, they still made it."

With the game close early in the second half, Texas Tech went on a 15-6 run to take a 63-54 lead. The Red Raiders then kept the pressure on GW and eventually built their lead to 19 points with 2:06 left in the game. The Colonials rallied late, but were never able to seriously challenge Texas Tech down the stretch.

Texas Tech center Tony Battie led the second half assault, scoring 12 points in seven minutes. He did all this after sitting out the final seven minutes of the first half with foul trouble. Battie finished with 17 points and 11 rebounds.

"(Battie) was fresh," Jarvis said to the Associated Press. "He had



Claire Duggan/Photo Editor

Ferdinand Williams did an impressive job spelling Alexander Koul against American. Williams tied his career-high with six points.

sat a lot in the first half. He's a great offensive player. I thought we could have done a better job covering him, but we didn't, and he took advantage."

Also leading the way for Texas Tech was guard Stan Bonewitz, who was dubbed "bomb-a-witz" by Jarvis. He hit six of seven three-pointers, including a couple from NBA range, on his way to a career-high 20 points.

Forward Cory Carr scored a team-high 22 points on 8-16 shooting from the field. Rayford Young came off the bench to add 13 points for Texas Tech.

The first half was marked by a series of scoring runs by both teams. The Red Raiders went on a 9-0 run against a Koul-less GW to take a 32-23 lead, but the Colonials responded with a 11-0 run of their own. The game was tied at 48 when the first half buzzer sounded.

GW was led by Koul, who scored 28 points and grabbed 11 rebounds. Mescheriakov added 17 points and 10 rebounds, while Rogers scored 11 points, shooting only two of 13 from the field.

GW 77, South Florida 65

At most GW home games, the Colonials rely on the student section to provide vocal support and to help intimidate the other team. But against South Florida on Nov. 26, the Colonials were forced to look elsewhere, as many GW students were away for the Thanksgiving holiday.

Luckily, Koul showed up with his game face on, and his 21 points led the Colonials to a 77-65 victory over the Bulls in front of a meager 2,932 at the Smith Center. The GW center shot 8-11 from the field and made all five free throws he attempted, which was a marked improvement over past games.

"(GW assistant coach Scott

Beeten) taught me how to shoot free throws," Koul said. "Any chance that I had during practice I was shooting."

"Part of our game plan was to get Koul to the foul line," South Florida head coach Seth Greenberg said. "It didn't work."

A Koul layup gave GW a 63-48 lead with 9:38 to go in the game, but the Bulls went on a 13-4 run to cut the Colonial lead to only six points at the 5:40 mark. GW responded with a jumper from Rogers and a tip-in by Mescheriakov, while South Florida had trouble finding the basket and scored only four more points the rest of the game.

Mescheriakov finished with 16 points and nine rebounds. Swingman J.J. Brade added 10 while Rogers scored nine points, swiped four steals and grabbed five rebounds.

"I could tell tonight that I was going to get a couple of steals. It took them out of their game," Rogers said.

Jarvis credited an early run by the Colonials as the key to victory, as GW jumped out to a 15-4 lead at the beginning of the game. "It always helps to get out early, especially when the students are away," he said.

"The game was decided in the first seven minutes," Greenberg agreed.

The Colonials were helped in the first half by the long distance shooting of Seco Camara and Rasheed Hazzard. Camara hit three from long distance in the opening stanza, while Hazzard banked in two of his own, and finished with a career-high seven points.

Forward James Harper led South Florida with 22 points and 11 rebounds. Anddrikk Frazier had 12 points while Luka Jovonovic hit three of seven three-pointers on his way to 11 points for the Bulls.



Claire Duggan/Photo Editor

GW freshman Kinte Smith elevates over an American defender for a ferocious slam in Monday's win.

SPORTS

Jarvis points kids in right direction at clinic

BY SETH JACKSON
HATCHET SPORTS REPORTER

The second annual Franklin National Bank Classic started off this year's festivities with a youth clinic Tuesday night at the Smith Center.

The clinic, hosted by GW men's basketball head coach Mike Jarvis and Tom McMillian, co-chairman of the President's Council for Physical Fitness and Sports, was attended by more than 100 children from Washington-area charities.

The clinic featured six stations that emphasized aspects of basketball skills. The kids, ranging from age 5 to 16, practiced ball-handling, foot drills, layups and foul shots.

"The clinic is just another way the Franklin National Bank helps needy children," Jarvis said. "It gives the kids a chance to meet some new friends, it helps them learn basketball skills and it lets them have some fun. Those are pretty good reasons to hold this."

Since the clinic was an overall attempt to promote physical fitness to the young participants, McMillian acknowledged the President's Council for Physical Fitness and Sports was more than happy to support such a worthy cause.

"The overall clinic is all part of building up goodwill and participation throughout the Washington community. It is important to raise the level of participation in young athletes," he said.

Jarvis opened up the clinic by giving an inspirational talk to the underprivileged youngsters. He talked of the hurdles many of his own players had to go through to make it to GW.

"Shawnta Rogers is only 5-4, and he is my team's second leading rebounder. He was told he couldn't go to school, not because of his size, but because of his performance in school," Jarvis said. "This semester, he is making the dean's list. So, tonight, remember to listen and to never, ever let someone tell you that you can't do something."

The tournament portion of the Franklin National Bank Classic kicks off this weekend at USAir Arena. California and Maryland do battle at 1:30 p.m. Sunday, while GW and Mississippi State square off at 4 p.m. The championship and consolation games will take place Monday night.

Discounted student tickets are still available at the Smith Center for \$5 each day. GW will offer round-trip bus transportation to USAir Arena.

GW topped by GMU's hot 2nd half

BY BEN OSBORNE
SPORTS EDITOR

College teams love to beat conference rivals, ranked opponents and regional rivals. The GW women's basketball team will have to focus on the conference and ranked opponents, because it flopped against its first local opponent of the year.

The Colonial Women fell at George Mason 64-59 Wednesday night, shooting 29 percent from the field in the second half while the Lady Patriots hit 77 percent.

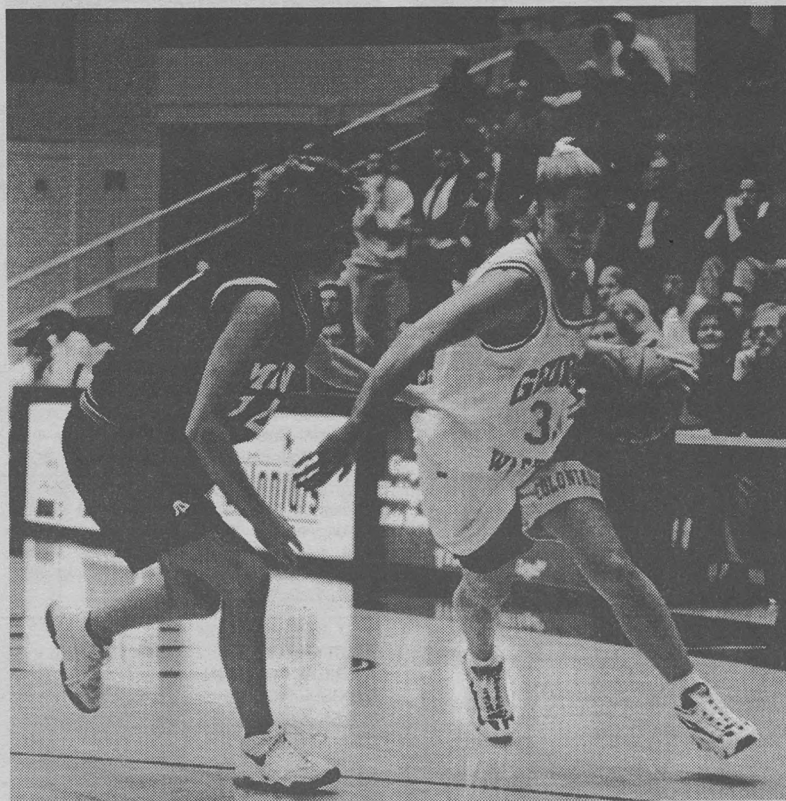
GW, which fell to 1-2, was simply out of sync throughout the game. "Tonight it just didn't happen," head coach Joe McKeown said. "We got outhustled, we didn't hit the shots we normally do, and we just have to get better."

For the game, GW shot just 39 percent from the field, 47 percent from the free throw line and 21 percent from three-point range. The Colonial Women were also out-rebounded by a much smaller Mason team, 41-25.

Despite its problems, GW actually maintained control for most of the game, leading 31-28 at halftime. The Colonial Women controlled the half by feeding senior center Tajama Abraham in the post, and would have led by more had Mason's Krista Jay not hit four three-pointers.

GW took a three-point lead, 45-42, when Chasity Myers made a jump shot with 9:43 remaining in the game. That was the last time the Colonial Women would have such a lead, however, as Mason (3-1) wore GW down with its frenetic pace and outstanding shooting.

Lady Patriot freshman Kristeena Alexander, whose college decision



Dave Fintzen/Photo Editor

Lisa Cermignano and the Colonial Women struggled with their shooting at George Mason Monday while falling 64-59 to the Lady Patriots.

came down to GMU and GW, hit two free throws with three and a half minutes remaining for a 54-53 lead, and the Lady Patriots held on from there. Alexander, a lightning-quick, 5-6 point guard with moves reminiscent of the NBA's Allen Iverson, sparked Mason all night. She collected 17 points, three steals and two assists, as well as many "oohs" and "aahs" from the vocal crowd of 260.

"Alexander's pretty impressive, isn't she?" Mason head coach Jim Lewis asked rhetorically after the game. "She's really a killer when the game's on the line."

After Alexander's free throws, Mason kept control by converting more shots from the line, and when Abraham missed a few easy shots inside in the last minute, the out-

come was academic. Abraham's struggles at the end of the game were not representative of her team-leading 23 points, which she scored despite playing with a badly sprained ankle.

The other bright spot for GW was freshman guard Myers, who scored a career-high 14 points on 7 of 11 shooting in her third game at GW.

Besides Abraham and Myers, the Colonial Women struggled mightily with their shooting. The two starting forwards were the main culprits. Junior Noelia Gomez hit three of her 12 shots, while senior Lisa Cermignano was just 2 of 12, including a woeful 1 of 8 from long range.

With all these negative statistics, GW was helped by its defensive effort, which helped produce 33 turnovers by Mason.

The Lisner Hippo

Drained Hippo studying games, not books

As finals draw near for the Hippo, he trudges along, analyzing injury reports, checking stats, looking up weather charts and watching SportsCenter in order to give you, his faithful reader, accurate picks in Week 15 of the NFL.

Week 14 brought the Hippo tremendous joy, as it was the first week all season when he didn't miss a game. OK, so he only picked two - big deal. He got them right, and that's the important thing. As always, these picks are for entertainment use only, and any money you lose as a result is your fault for taking the word of a hippo.

Thursday Night: Eagles at Colts: The Washington Redskins can take solace in their loss to the Cardinals, since the Eagles did the same thing the next week. If Jim Harbaugh was playing, this game would be a tremendous battle. He's not, however, and this game will be a laugher for the Eagles. Pick: Eagles.

Rams at Bears: Neither of these teams will want to win this game, and it will be poorly played until Dave Krieg scores in the 4th quarter, giving the Bears a much-needed victory. Pick: Bears.

Redskins at Buccaneers: The Redskins absolutely have to win this game in order to make the playoffs. If Trent Dilfer was any good, the Skins would lose. Since he's not, Redskin CB Tom Carter will get a much-needed week off and the Skins will be winners again. Pick: Redskins.

Cowboys at Cardinals: Boy, the Cardinals will be feeling low, since they got killed by the Vikings last week. The Cowboys are making their run, and the Cardinals had better get out of the way. Pick: Cowboys.

Vikings at Detroit: Quite simply, BOTH OF THESE TEAMS SUCK. The Hippo would suggest Tori Spelling in *Mother*, *May I Sleep with Danger* before he suggested you watch this game. The Lions will win, however, just to prolong the agony for Wayne Fontes. Pick: Lions.

Panthers at 49ers: Did anybody notice when Carolina got so good? Steve Young will be at full strength for this game, and his confidence will be restored after convincing wins against the Redskins and the Falcons. Try as he might, the Hippo just can't believe the Panthers are this good. Pick: 49ers.

Broncos at Packers: Just too close to call. The Hippo will be glued to his seat for this game, the prelude to what he thinks will be the Super Bowl. The Pack is so good in cold weather, but so are the Broncos. What it comes down to is this: The Packers are unbeatable at Lambeau Field in December. Pick: Packers

Last week: 2-0
Season: 56-33

Happy Holidays to one and all!

-Tryg Olsen

BACKBOARD BOX



PROBABLE STARTERS

NAME	YEAR	POS.	PPG	RPG
CERMIGNANO	SR.	F	5.7	4.0
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ABRAHAM	SENIOR	C	21.3	6.7
EGLESTON	FRESH.	G	1.3	2.0
MYERS	FRESH.	G	9.3	5.0

George Washington (1-2)

Last game: Lost to George Mason, 64-59, Dec. 2

The Colonial Women seem to be re-enacting last season's tough start, looking sluggish in Monday's loss at local rival George Mason. No. 16 Penn State will provide a stiff test for GW, but if Joe McKeown's squad is the national contender some observers believe, then Saturday's game will be a good one. Starting forwards Lisa Cermignano and Noelia Gomez will be a key. When they shoot a combined 5-24, as they did against Mason, GW is obviously not too hard to beat.

GW at Penn St., Saturday, 7:30 p.m. at Univ. Park, Pa.



PROBABLE STARTERS

NAME	YEAR	POS.	PPG	RPG
HALL	SOPH.	F	8.0	3.5
POTTHOFF	SENIOR	F	20.8	8.0
GARNER	FRESH.	C	5.5	6.8
DARLING	FRESH.	G	9.5	7.3
LONGWORTH	SR.	G	11.3	3.3

Penn State (4-0)

Last game: Beat Washington, 85-82, Nov. 30

The Lady Lions are another national power on GW's schedule. Led by forward Angie Potthoff, Penn State is a solid team with seven players averaging more than five points per game. Penn State is ranked 16th by the Associated Press and a more impressive 9th by the USA Today/CNN Coaches' Poll. The Lady Lions play in the Big 10, and were only picked to finish third by the league's coaches, indicating the toughness of the conference. Penn State leads the all-time series with GW 18-1.

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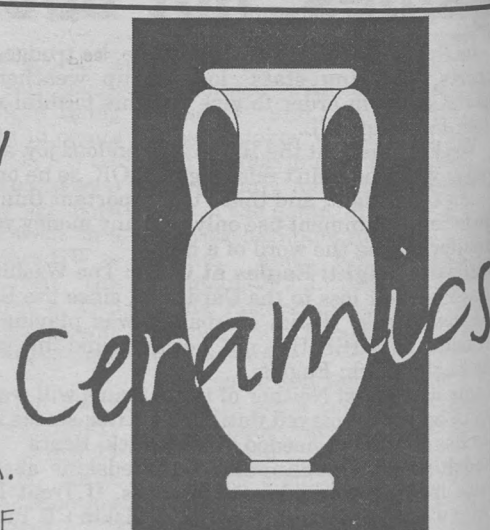
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